
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2020

Fiscal Services Division

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Geological Survey

Purpose and History

The Geological Survey at the University of Iowa develops programs that provide comprehensive information regarding mineral and water resources in Iowa. These programs include an emphasis on new water supply developments and monitoring water quality.

The Geological Survey provides information to the federal government and State agencies. This information is presented through educational programs as well as technology transfer programs. All of the natural resources information collected is thoroughly analyzed, interpreted, and made available to users through publications and consultant services. The Geological Survey consists of the following administrative units:

- Administrative Services
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
- Geology and Groundwater Studies (GAG)
- Watershed Monitoring and Assessment (WAM)

Funding History

The General Assembly first appropriated funds specifically for this program in FY 2011, and the appropriation is funded from the Environment First Fund. The funding is used to support general geology efforts to provide technical assistance to other State agencies and programs. For FY 2019, the University of Iowa will receive the Environment First Fund appropriation because the Geological Survey and other duties related to the State Geologist were transferred in [House File 2303](#) (Duties and Programs Administered by the DNR Act).

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter [456](#)

Iowa Administrative Code [565—50](#)

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More Information

Iowa Geological Survey: www.ihr.uiowa.edu/igs/

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